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The Tolland Tattler

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New at the Tolland Public Library

- Books

Marley & Me – John Grogan
Dragon Hunter – Charles Gallenkamp
Team of Rivals – Doris Kearns Goodwin
Next – Michael Crichton
Treasure of Khan – Clive Cussler
The Shape Shifter – Tony Hillerman
Midshipman Bolitho – Alexander Kent
Stand to Deliver – Alexander Kent
It's Not My Fault – Dr. Henry Cloud

- Audio/Music

Evanescence – The Open Door
Diana Krall – From This Moment On
Andrea Bocelli – Under the Desert Sky (Cd and DVD)
Fresh from the Country – Miss Read
The Bear Missed the Train – Roger Tincknell (storyteller who came to Tolland last summer)

- DVD

Over the Hedge
DaVinci Code
Documentary series on the Constitution of the United States

On January 31st, 2007, Charlotte W. Clark turned 100 years of age. Hard to believe! The Tolland Public Library has named the children's corner in her honor to commemorate this event. Charlotte has always been a great supporter of the Library and an even greater supporter of the children of Tolland. Happy Birthday, dear Charlotte.

The Library will be closed on February 19th for President's Day but will be open Tuesday February 20th from 3:00pm-8:30pm instead.

Tolland Needs a Flag

Tolland has a lot of things but one thing it does not have is a flag in the Great Hall of Flags in Boston. Senator Knapik's office has asked many times if we would ever do anything about the lack of Tolland's representation. The answer is most definitely.

The Tolland Public Library is sponsoring a hunt for the images and ideas that best represent Tolland. We are asking that all members of all taxpaying families in Tolland take some time to write or draw their ideas and concepts for a flag or symbols to be amalgamated into a flag for Tolland. You can either design an entire flag or just submit an idea which might become part of a larger design.

Please submit your work to the Tolland Public Library by April 30th. All ideas will be review and discussed by a combination of the Tolland Public Library, the Tolland Historical Committee, and the Tolland Board of Selectmen. Final designs will be presented to the town by summer's end for a final decision.

Tolland needs to have its place in the Great Hall of Flags. It would also be a fine thing to have completed for Tolland's upcoming 200th birthday in 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Kelmelis at the Library at 258-4201 or Tolland@cwmares.org.

Tolland Volunteer Fire Department
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FOR INFORMATION, call 258-2859

Checks payable to: Tolland Volunteer Fire Department
162A Colebrook River Road
Tolland, MA 01034

Tolland Fire Department

The meetings/drills for the month of February are the following Tuesday nights, February 13th and February 27th from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Anyone who wishes to stop by the fire house during this time, please feel free to do so.

Order forms for the reflective house number signs can be picked up at the Town Hall. An order form is printed in the Tattler as well.

During the January drills the members have been practicing ice rescue using the ice rescue suits and ice rescue sled. Todd Simonds stopped by during one of our ice rescue drills and he is interested in becoming a member.

Ann, Dave and Brian are currently taking a First Responder Class. There will be an upcoming Hazmat class for the month of March for the members.

The members have discussed the Annual Steak Dinner and have decided to postpone this event due to the condition of the Fire Department/DPW building. In its place, we have decided to hold a pancake breakfast to take place in the spring and a spaghetti dinner to take place at the end of summer or early fall. Both of these will be held at the Town Hall. We are planning the pancake breakfast for the beginning of April. Check the March issue of the Tattler for more information on the pancake breakfast. As soon as the Fire Department/DPW building issue is resolved, we will bring back our Annual Steak Dinner with the annual pancake breakfast and spaghetti dinner to be held at the fire house.

The following are the responses for November 20, 2006 through January 20, 2007:

November Responses:

- 3 Medical Calls
- 1 Mutual Aid - Town of Sandisfield, motor vehicle accident

December Responses:

- 2 Medical Calls
- 1 Fire Call - oven fire

January Responses:

- 1 Medical Call
- 1 Gas Odor Call - smell of gas in residence
- 1 Mutual Aid - Town of Sandisfield, chimney fire
- 1 Mutual Aid - Town of Granville, structure fire

In the year 2006, the fire department had an increase of 50% more calls than the previous year.

Open Burning season has started. The season runs from January 15th until May 1st depending on the weather. A permit can be picked up at the Town Hall or at the Highway Garage. This has to be filled out and mailed back to the Fire Department, Attn: Chief. A 24 hour notice is required prior to burning and this may be done by calling the Fire Department office at (413) 258-2859 and the Chief or Deputy Chief will contact you prior to burning to verify that it is O.K. to burn that day. Just a reminder that National Burn Awareness Week is February 4th through February 10th.

Chief, Robert Littlefield, Sr.

Granville/Tolland Lions Club

7th Annual Edward Gogol

Spaghetti Dinner Saturday



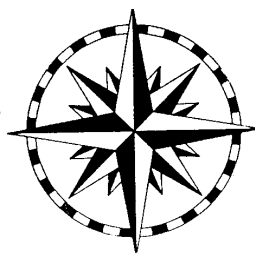
February 24
4:30 to 7:30 pm

at the
Granville Federated Church
Granby Road, Granville, MA

Donation: Adults - \$8 • Seniors - \$5 • Kids 5-12 - \$4
Kids 4 and under FREE

Proceeds to benefit the Edward Gogol Scholarship Fund

Tolland Weather



	MAX.	DATE	TIME	MIN.	DATE	TIME
TEMPERATURE	65	Jan. 6	1pm	3	Jan. 17	7am
HUMIDITY	100% several times			31%	Jan. 3	11am
DEWPOINT	62	Jan. 6	10am	-6	Jan. 17	10am
BAROMETRIC PRESS.	30.57	Dec.29	11pm	29.31	Dec. 26	2pm
WIND SPEED/DIR.	38 NW	Dec.24	1pm			
WIND CHILL				-22	Jan. 17	4am
TOTAL RAINFALL	4.09 in.					
TOTAL SNOWFALL	1.5 in.					

Comments: A non-existent Winter continues with a few exceptions.



For the period: December 16, to January 19, 2007

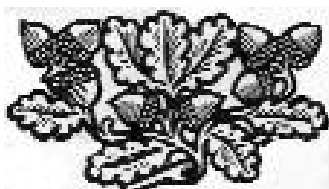
Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level

High Country weather prepared by Steve Strinie

From the office of the Town Clerk and the Animal Control Officer:

There are still a few people that have not licensed their dogs for the June 1, 2006 thru May 31, 2007 period. The forms are available at the Town Hall or contact the Town Clerk by phone 413-258-4068 (new phone number) or by email: townclerk@earthlink.net.

Sue Voudren, Town Clerk



Tolland COA

ARE YOU CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH VISION LOSS?

MAB Community Services (formerly the Massachusetts Association for the Blind), is offering a free 6-week caregiver support group.

Participants will:

- Learn about important area services and resources
- Develop techniques to reduce stress
- Meet and share ideas with others caring for someone with vision loss

WHEN: Group starts January 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: The Arbors, 40 Court Street, Westfield

For more information, or to register, please call Judy Kennedy at (413) 734-7343 ext.101.

Support group for caregivers of individuals with vision loss:

Offered at The Arbors of Westfield by MAB Community Services

February 5, 2007

Presenter: Judith F. Kennedy, MSW, LCSW

- Creating a Stress-Reduction Toolkit with Progressive Muscle Relaxation

February 12, 2007

Presenter: Attorney Holly Lewis, Elder Law Specialist

- What Caregivers and Consumers Need to Know

February 26, 2007

Presenter: Trevor Smith, Certified Laughter Leader

- Adding Laughter to Your Stress-Reduction Toolkit

There is no cost to attend. Please call Judy Kennedy at (413) 734-7343 ext. 101 to register.

These programs are made possible by a grant from Highland Valley Elder Services



We will be meeting on our usual 2nd Tuesday of the month - February the 13th. We will be sorting a lot of historical documents, pictures, etc. and invite anyone interested to come join us at 6:30pm at the Tolland Town Hall

See you there.

From the office of the Town Clerk:

It is time again for the annual street census of full time residents. The forms will be sent out soon and they need to be filled out and signed by the head of household. I will include an addressed envelope for return of the completed form to the Town Hall via US mail or you can drop the form in the grey lock box outside of the Town Hall.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call at (413) 258-4068 or email me at townclerk@earthlink.net.

Southwick Tolland Regional School District

The superintendent of Southwick Tolland Regional School District, Tom Witham will be holding a roundtable at the Tolland town hall on March 7th at 6:30 PM. This will be your opportunity to meet with Tom and discuss any topics you desire. He has been doing these roundtables in Southwick for a year and half and several ideas have been impended. So this is our chance in Tolland to tell him what you like or dislike about what is going on in our schools.

So mark your calendars and plan to attend. Also by this time we should have a pretty good idea on what the school budget for next year will be and what the town's assessment will be.

Veterans Corner

It is with excitement and pride that I write this letter. As the Deputy Director of Veterans' Services for the Western Hampden District, I would like to thank all of you for your support in the last year. Through your donations and prayers, we have sent thousands of t-shirts to wounded vets, hundreds of care packages to our troops overseas, and put new flags on our city streets. It is something all of you should be very proud of doing. I was amazed to see the response we had in this office any time we asked for something.

So now, I ask for your help again. At the present time, I am starting to see more Vietnam Vets starting to come into the office. These brave men and women were not treated like the heroes they were when they returned home. Most were treated just plain awful. Can any of you imagine a group of soldiers coming home today and being cursed at and spit upon? It would NEVER happen! These people are entitled to the same benefits that our troops from WWII, Korea, and the Gulf War receive. But some just don't want to think about the past. They block out the horrible memories of how they were treated. So I ask, If you know a Vietnam Vet, encourage them to come into the office and talk with me. Let's right this horrific wrong and get these people ALL of the things they deserve. Many are experiencing health problems that ARE service related. There are VA benefits that can help!

On a lighter note, I'd like everyone to know that the Agawam Veterans' Honor Roll is almost complete. The plaques are being scribed as we speak. The sidewalks and foundations are complete. I'd like to thank Mayor Cohen for his support during this project. When I started here, he told me that this Honor Roll was to be my first priority. Whenever I had a small roadblock, a quick call to him opened the way. When we were getting the foundations put in, the Mayor made sure we had new sidewalks. (The Agawam DPW did an outstanding job as well.) It is a HUGE benefit to this community to have the Mayor be so positive in all aspects of Veterans' Services.

Richard J Girard Jr., Deputy Director Of Veteran Services, Western Hampden District

Phone numbers and hours for Town Hall Offices:

Town Hall -Main no. 413 258-4794

Hours: • Mon. & Tue. - 8am to 4pm
• Wed. from 8am to 12pm

Building Inspector will be meeting by appointment only.

• Appointments can be made by calling 258-4590.

Assessor Clerk's hours : Mon. 10am - 4pm

Town Clerk - 413 258-4068

Hours: Monday 2 -4 pm, and by appointment

Board of Assessors - 413 258-4889

Hours: Monday 10am - 4pm

Library Hours:

Mon. 3:00pm - 8:30pm

Thurs. 11:00am - 4:00pm

Sat. 10:00am -12:00pm

Senator Knapik at the Town Hall:

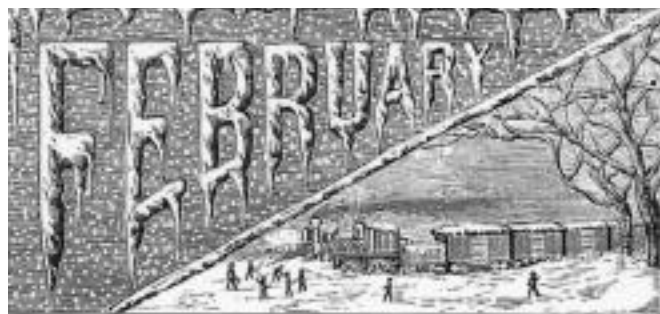
Senator Knapik will be available at the Town Hall on February 5th, March 5th and May 7th at 11:15am for anyone who wishes to meet with him.

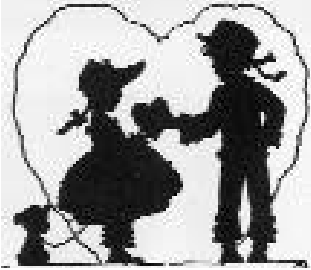
Granville Federated Church, American Baptist & United Church of Christ

16 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034—Phone 413-357-8583

- Saturday, Feb. 3 at 6 pm we will have a potluck supper followed by a game night. Bring your favorite game, friends, family and a dish to share. Remember, this is a way to entertain with no housecleaning or major cooking involved!
- Sunday, Feb. 4 after morning worship and the coffee hour we will have our annual meeting and reports of the committees. A potluck luncheon will be held.
- The Ladies Aid will meet for a potluck luncheon at noon on Wed., Feb. 21. A meeting will follow. All are welcome.
- Sunday, Feb. 18—8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
 - Sunday --10am Morning Worship & Sunday School
 - Monday—7pm-AA Meeting
 - Thursday—7pm-Adult Choir Practice
 - First Saturday—6pm-Potluck Supper
 - Third Sunday—8:30-9:30am-Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall
 - Third Wednesday—Noon-Ladies Aid Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
 - Fourth Sunday—11:15am—Adult Study Program led by the Rev. McMahon

All are welcome



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	5 5:00pm Selectmen	6	7 6:30pm Wed. night Womens' Group 5-7:00pm DUMP	8	9	10 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
11 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	12 5:00pm Selectmen 6:30pm Historical Soc. & Commision	13 6:30 pm Historical Soc. meeting 7:00-10:00pm Fire Dept. Mtg. / Drill	14 6:30pm Wed. night Womens' Group 5-7:00pm DUMP	15	16	17 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
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